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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/489,982 #91RCE
Filing Date	01/21/00
First Named Inventor	STOLL, Thomas <i>Stollman</i>
Art Unit	3626
Examiner Name	Bleck, Carolyn <i>1/22/03</i>
Attorney Docket Number	2129.00

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 01/17/2003 MAHMED1 00000084 09489982
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 375.00 OP
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature	<i>David E. Herron II</i>		Date
			January 14, 2003

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
**for FY 2003**

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$ 375.00)

**Complete if Known**

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)**

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**FEES CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	_____
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	_____
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	_____
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	_____
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	_____
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b> (\$ 0)			

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims		-20** = _____	_____ X _____ = _____
Multiple Dependent		- 3** = _____	_____ X _____ = _____
			_____ = _____

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b> (\$ 0)		

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**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	_____
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	_____
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	_____
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	_____
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	_____
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	_____
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	_____
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	_____
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	_____
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	_____
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	_____
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	_____
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	_____
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	_____
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	_____
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	_____
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	_____
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	_____
1502 470	2502 235	Design issue fee	_____
1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee	_____
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	_____
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	_____
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	_____
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	_____
1809 750	2809 375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	_____
1810 750	2810 375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	_____
1801 750	2801 375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	375.00
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	_____
Other fee (specify) _____			

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

**SUBTOTAL (3)** (\$ 375.00)**SUBMITTED BY**

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